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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 2693

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, KE, IR  
SUBJECT: IRANIAN BREAK WITH KENYA

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH BILL HARROP AND MYSELF ON  
FEBRUARY 20, FOREIGN MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY NG'ANG'A  
EXPRESSED KENYAN REGRET AT IRAN'S RASH ACTION IN  
SEVERING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. SAID KENYA HOPED MOVE WOULD  
BE RECONSIDERED, AND IMPLIED THAT KENYA WOULD NOT BE DISPLEASED  
IF WE PASSED ON THIS WORD TO THE IRANIANS.

2. NG'ANG'A SAID THAT HE WAS SURPRISED THAT "SQUABBLE BETWEEN  
IRANIAN AMBASSADOR TAVAKOLI AND THE LOCAL PRESS" SHOULD HAVE  
BROUGHT GOI TO POINT OF RUPTURE WITH KENYA.

3. COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THAT GOK WAS NOT COMPLETELY SURPRISED  
BY IRANIAN ACTIONS, SINCE TEMPERS HAVE BEEN A LITTLE SHORT ON  
BOTH SIDES DIRUNG RECENT TIMES BECAUSE OF KENYA'S OUTSPOKEN  
CRITICISM OF IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR SOMALIA. WE BELIEVE THAT  
KENYA WOULD, IN FACT, BE PERFECTLY AGREEABLE TO SEEING  
THE IRANIAN DECISION REVERSED OR RELATIONS REESTABLISHED  
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IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT KENYA  
WOULD AGREE TO SILENCE ITS CRITICISM OF IRANIAN ACTIVITIES  
IN THE HORN, AND THEREFORE WE WOULD ESTIMATE THERE IS BUT  
LITTLE HOPE OF PATCHING THINGS UP UNTIL THE HORN CONFLICT  
IS SETTLED.  
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